

RECENT AUSTRIAN "ASYLUM" INCIDENT

I. Just before the Austro-Soviet talks in Moscow, an incident in the Soviet Zone of Austria (widely publicized in Austrian newspapers) brought home to Austrians the question of right asylum for Iron Curtain refugees.

A. Four Hungarians crossed the border into Austria during the first week of April '55. They had been wounded during the crossing, one of them near-fatally. They were taken for care to an Austrian hospital in the Soviet Zone.

B. Soviet authorities were told of their whereabouts by an Austrian Communist. Soviet Army personnel then literally dragged the Hungarian refugees out of the hospital and put them back across the border into Hungary.